COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Pennsylvania Department of Corrections July 17, 1995

Case No.

95-F-016

SUBJECT:

James Merry, CO II

COMPLAINANT:

Elizabeth Maysonet, OB-4751

Allegation Violation Code of Ethics

TO:

William J. Wolfe

Superintendent

State Correctional Institution Cambridge Springs

FROM:

Vaughn L. Davis

Director

Special Investigations Office

The enclosed report of investigation is being furnished to you for your review and information.

It has been recommended that ongoing training relative to the Department's Code of Ethics and specifically the fraternization with inmates and the section of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code that concerns Indecent Assault and Aggravated Indecent Assault be intensified at Cambridge Springs for all current and new staff.

This report and recommendations have been approved by the Commissioner of Corrections, Martin F. Horn.

This report is CONFIDENTIAL and may not be disseminated to any other agency without the direct approval of the Commissioner.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

June 7, 1995

Case No.

95-F-016

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Report made by:

Michael Wolanin, Special Investigator

Allegation:

Violation Code of Ethics

SUBJECT:

James Merry, CO II DOB: 10/22/49

COMPLAINANT/VICTIM:

Elizabeth Maysonet, OB-4751

DOB: 03/28/69 SSN: 163-63-4886

LOCATION:

State Correctional Institution Cambridge Springs

REVIEWED BY:

Carl Robinson

Senior Investigator

Special Investigations Office

APPROVEDA

Director Day

Special Investigations Office

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was authorized by Vaughn L. Davis, Director, Special Investigations Office, (SIO), on March 16, 1995 predicated by a complaint initiated by this investigator.

On March 28, 1995 information was revealed to this investigator that Sgt. James Merry was involved in a private relationship with inmate Elizabeth Maysonet, OB-4751.

On March 27, 1995, inmate Elizabeth Maysonet was interviewed. During her interview she said she and Sgt. James Merry were involved in a year long relationship from December 1993 thru November 1994. They kissed intimately and sent cards to each other. Merry also sent her money on two occasions totaling \$200.00.

Maysonet further stated that she and Merry also talked on the phone frequently at Merry's friends business. She would call collect and Merry would always accept the charges.

Hilda Maysonet, OB-3187, said that she knew that her sister Elizabeth and Sgt. James Merry were involved in a relationship. Merry asked her to act as a lookout for them on numerous occasions.

Carmel Bynum, OB-1864, said on two occasions Merry forced himself on her and kissed her in Alliance Hall. She said she was terrified of him.

Todd Higham and Jeff Duttry were interviewed. They were part owners of Ultimate Warrior Karate Club in North East, PA. They accepted collect phone calls for Merry from a young Hispanic female and Merry paid the charges. The female's name was "Liz". Phone records from the Karate Club verify this information.

James Merry, during his interview, admitted being in a relationship with inmate Elizabeth Maysonet. He admited to kissing and hugging her, sending her money and having her call him at the Ultimate Warrior Karate Club and paying for the charges.

Subsequent to his interview, James Merry submitted his letter of resignation, dated April 14, 1995.

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ACTION TAKEN:

- 1. Review of Maysonet's Institutional File
- 2. Review of Two Cash Transaction Slips Payable to Elizabeth Maysonet
- 3. Review of Polygraph Examination Performed on Elizabeth Maysonet on March 28, 1995
- 4. Review of Telephone Records of Ultimate Warrior Karate Club
- 5. Review of Letter of Resignation by Sgt. James Merry

DETAILS:

- 1. This investigation was authorized by Vaughn L. Davis, Director, SIO, on March 16, 1995, predicated by a information supplied by this investigator.
- 2. On March 28, 1995 information was revealed to this investigator that Sgt. James Merry was involved in a relationship with inmate Elizabeth Maysonet, OB-4751.

INTERVIEWS:

1. Elizabeth Maysonet, OB-4751

DOB: 03/28/69 SSN: 163-63-4886

Elizabeth Maysonet is a twenty-six year old Hispanic female serving a four year to eight year sentence for Aggravated Assault from Philadelphia. Her minimum expires November 5, 1995, and her maximum expires November 5, 1999. She is a custody level two inmate.

On March 27, 1995, the above inmate was interviewed by this investigator at SCI Cambridge Springs where she is incarcerated. She advised the following:

She was involved in a year long relationship with Sgt. James Merry from December 1993 thru November 1994.

In December 1993, Merry sent her a Christmas card with a \$100.00 money order enclosed. He used the name "James Mikalean" on the money order.

On March 28, 1994, she received a birthday card with a \$100.00 money order enclosed. He used "Alvin Martes" as the name on the money order.

Merry french kissed her in the following locations:

New Women's Dorm, several times in open-rec, Luter 3 and Luter 4, and the field house.

He sent friendship cards through the mail by putting a small envelope in a large envelope and mailing it to her mother. Her mother mailed the envelope to her.

Alvin Martes would be the name used for the return address.

He told her if anyone ever questioned her, to deny everything and always refuse a polygraph.

Merry told her of wanting to get married and make love to her.

Copies of Elizabeth Maysonet's statements are appended as ATTACHMENT #1.

2. Hilda Maysonet, OB-3187

DOB: 03/13/67 SSN: 165-60-5123

On March 29, 1995 the above inmate was interviewed by this investigator at SCI Cambridge Springs where she is incarcerated. She advised the following:

Sgt. James Merry was involved in a relationship with her sister Elizabeth.

Merry sent her sister many friendship cards and \$100.00 on one occasion.

She observed Merry kiss Elizabeth once in open-rec.

She acted as the look-out for them as Merry had requested.

Merry told her once if ever questioned, not to say anything and never take a polygraph.

A copy of Hilda Maysonet's statement is appended as ATTACHMENT #2.

3. Carmel Bynum, OB-1864

DOB: 01/02/64 SSN: 197-48-7436

On April 4, 1995 the above inmate was interviewed by this investigator at SCI Cambridge Springs where she is incarcerated. She advised the following:

She met Officer Jim Merry at Cambridge Springs in the Spring of 1992.

Merry payed more attention to her than other inmates and followed her around.

Once she was in the basement of Alliance working. Merry came down, started talking to her, and french kissed her. She did not want him to do this.

In June 1993, she was working on the second floor in Alliance Hall doing electrical work when Merry walked in. Merry walked up and french kissed her. She was terrified and pushed Merry away. She walked briskly out of the building.

In November 1993 when she was at Crossroads Rehabilitation Center in Erie she observed Merry sitting in the parking lot across the street waving at her. She had a friend go to the window and wave back. Then Merry left.

To this day, she is still terrified of Merry.

A copy of Bynum's statement is appended as ATTACHMENT #3.

4. Evangelia Garcia, OB-3864

DOB: 08/31/54 SSN: Unknown

On March 28, 1995, the above inmate was interviewed at SCI Cambridge Springs where she is incarcerated. She advised the following:

She is a friend of inmate Elizabeth Maysonet.

She knew Maysonet received cards and letters from Jim Merry and one time kept them in her room as requested by Maysonet.

A copy of Garcia's written statement is appended as ATTACHMENT #4.

5. Catherine Bowman, OB-3132

DOB: 03/27/65 SSN: 192-56-7396

On March 29, 1995 the above inmate was interviewed at SCI Cambridge Springs where she is incarcerated. She advised the following:

She is Elizabeth Maysonet's former room-mate.

She knew James Merry and Maysonet were involved in a relationship and observed many "love" cards sent by Merry to this inmate.

She knew Merry sent Maysonet money through the mail.

Maysonet told her of calling Merry calling her on Saturdays at a friends business.

Maysonet told her Mery was going to marry her when she was released.

6. Todd Higham 109 S. Lake Street North East, PA 16428 PHONE (814) 889-4493

On April 6, 1995, the above individual was interviewed by this investigator at his residence. He advised the following:

He is the owner/operator of the Ultimate Warrior Karate Club in North East, PA.

He has known Jim Merry since 1992 when they both worked at Great Lakes Armored Car Company. They worked together for two years.

In March 1993, he opened the Ultimate Warrior Karate Club. Jim Merry was ne of his students.

Merry took a few classes on Thursday nights but showed up every Saturday.

Merry arrived on Saturdays at 11:30 am and stayed and answer the phone.

Merry received a lot of collect calls from a Hispanic girl named "Liz".

Merry told him to accept the collect phone calls and he would pay for the calls.

Merry would also answer the phone from an Hispanic female and talk for an hour and a half while class was going on.

Merry payed him \$30.00 monthly for club dues and \$20.00 to \$30.00 for phone calls.

Merry told him once of going through a divorce and that he had a \$310,000.00 settlement coming. Merry said he didn't want anyone to know about the phone calls to mess it up.

Merry admitted to being in love with this girl, that she had a nice body and that he had slept with her.

Two weeks prior to this interview, Merry phoned him and said if anyone came asking questions he was not to say anything.

He said he would not lie for anyone.

7. Jeff Duttry 10765 W. Main Rd Lot 16 North East, PA 16428 PHONE: (814) 725-1046

On April 7, 1995 the above individual was interviewed by this investigator. He advised the following:

He is a former instructor and part owner at Ultimate Warrior Karate Club in North East, PA.

He knew Jim Merry was a friend of his former partner, Todd Higham.

He knew Merry received collect phone calls from a young girl at the club, mostly on Saturdays. Merry said this was a girlfriend and she was in jail.

He personally accepted some calls for Merry from this girl or Merry would answer the phone.

He would let Merry know what the calls cost and would receive money for them.

Merry would come to the club on Saturday's just to use the phone. He does not personally know if Merry ever received Karate instruction from Todd Higham.

Merry told him once if anybody came around asking questions, not to say anything.

8. James Frederick Merry, CO II DOB: 10/22/49

On April 12, 1995, the above officer was interviewed by this investigator at SCI Cambridge Springs where he has been employed for three years. Also present was Captain Keith Bartlett, and AFSCME Representative Jerome Coffee.

He knew inmate Elizabeth Maysonet and admited being too friendly with her.

On Christmas 1993 he admitted sending Maysonet a Christmas card with a money order for \$100,00 enclosed. He used the name "James Mikalean" on the money order.

He admitted that for Maysonet's March 28, 1994 birthday, he sent her a birthday card with a \$100.00 money order enclosed. He used the name "Alvin Martes" on the money order. Martes was an ex-boyfriend of Maysonet and she told him to use this name to send cards through the mail to her through Maysonet's mother.

He admitted hugging her, kissing her and touching her in the following locations:

Open-rec, Luter 4, New Woman's dorm.

He told Maysonet to call him collect on Saturday's at a friends Karate School in North East, PA. The calls would be accepted and he would pay the owner, Todd Higham, when the bills came in.

He told inmates Elizabeth Maysonet, Hilda Maysonet and friends of Todd Higham and Jeff Duttry from the Ultimate Warrior Karate School if ever questioned, to deny everything.

Maysonet visited him in the Currie basement gym in the mornings and once stood in her doorway wearing a nightie for him.

He admitted getting involved in this year long relationship with Maysonet during a bad time in his life.

ACTION TAKEN:

- 1. Reviewed Maysonet's institutional file. The file revealed no relevant information.
- 2. Reviewed two cash transaction slips payable to inmate Elizabeth Maysonet. The review revealed the following:

Elizabeth Maysonet received two money orders from Merry. The first one dated December 21, 1993 using the name James Mikalean and April 8, 1993 using the name Alvin Martes. Each were for \$100.00.

Copies of these cash transaction slips are appended as ATTACHMENT #5.

3. Polygraph examination performed on Elizabeth Maysonet, OB-4751, by Special Investigator Michael Dodson on March 28, 1995. The examination revealed the following:

On March 28, 1995, inmate Elizabeth Maysonet voluntarily agreed to polygraph testing. Her cooperation was voluntary and no promises were made to her.

During the testing four relevant questions were asked. They are as follows:

- 1. Are you lying when you say Merry sent you money orders?
- 2. Did you have any sexual contact with Merry?
- 3. Are you lying when you say Merry kissed you?
- 4. Are you withholding any information from the investigator in this case?

Maysonet answered "No" to all questions.

Results of this test showed Maysonet was truthful in her response to question #1 and responses to questions #2, #3 and #4 were indicative of deception. However there was conflict between questions #2 and #3 as to the wording as to who kissed who.

A copy of Maysonet's polygraph report is ar pended as ATTACHMENT #6.

4. Reviewed telephone records of the Ultimate Warrior Karate Club, 109 S. Lake, North East, PA 16428, Phone 814-725-2689, on April 6, 1995. The review revealed the following:

The following collect phone calls were placed from SCI Cambridge Springs housing unit phones to Merry at the Ultimate Warrior Karate Club:

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Date	From Phone #	Time	Length of Call	Day of Week
5/14/94	398-4406	12:00 pm	127 min.	Thursday
6/18/94	398-4406	12:10 pm	1 min.	Saturday
6/18/94	398-4406	12:35 pm	92 min.	Saturday
6/25/94	398-8703	12:13 pm	80 min.	Saturday
7/2/94	398-4411	12:53 pm	1 min.	Saturday
7/23/94	398-4411	12:24 pm	78 min.	Saturday
7/30/94	398-4416	12:19 pm	100 min.	Saturday
8/23/94	398-4411	6:05 pm	67 min.	Tuesday
8/30/94	398-4411	6:01 pm	62 min.	Wednesday
9/3/94	398-4411	12:41 pm	68 min.	Saturday
9/17/94	398-4414	12:32 pm	99 min.	Saturday
9/24/94	398-4416	12:31 pm	90 min.	Saturday
10/1/94	398-4450	12:29 pm	88 min.	Saturday
10/8/94	398-4414	12:22 pm	90 min.	Saturday
10/15/94	398-4414	12:26 pm	1 min.	Saturday
10/15/94	398-4414	12:41 pm	5 min.	Saturday
10/15/94	398-4411	1:08 pm	1 min.	Saturday
10/20/94	398-4450	5:59 pm	54 min.	Thursday

Copies of phone records are appended as ATTACHMENT #7.

Reviewed Jim Merry's letter of resignation dated April 14, 1995. The review revealed the 5. following:

> On April 14, 1995 Sgt. James Merry submitted his letter of resignation terminating his employment at SCI Cambridge Springs.

A copy of Merry's letter of resignation is appended as ATTACHMENT #8.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Elizabeth Maysonet's Statement
- 2. Hilda Maysonet's Statement
- 3. Carmel Bynum's Statement
- 4. Evangelia Garcia's Statement
- 5. Maysonet's Cash Transaction Slips
- 6. Maysonet's Polygraph Report
- 7. Phone Records of Ultimate Warrior Karate Club

8. Merry's Letter of Resignation

Submitted by:

Date:

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Corrections
SCI-Cambridge Springs
December 5, 1995

SUBJECT: Request of the Assistance of

Special Services

TO:

Thomas A. Fulcomer Deputy Commissioner

FROM:

William J. Wolfe Superintendent

I am seeking your approval to receive the assistance of Special Services to aid us in the investigation of allegations of fraternization between Officer Michael Stone and inmate Erika

Johnson.

Officer Stone has been under suspicion for improprieties with inmates for quite some time, however, we have been unable to substantiate this. During a recent visit to SCI-Muncy Michael Wolanin, Special Investigator, obtained additional information regarding the allegations concerning Officer Stone.

Inmate Erika Johnson has recently agreed to cooperate with our investigation.

We are requesting the assistance of Special Services to collaborate information and provide polygraphic services.

WJW: jfh

cc: File

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
SCI-CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS
December 5, 1995

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIVE REPORT/CASE #95-02

INMATE ERIKA JOHNSON OC4895

OFFICER MIKE STONE-

TO:

R.R. LAZENBY

INTELLIGENCE CAPTAIN

FROM:

LT. ROGER C. BECK, SR.

The following report is a brief summary of an interview conducted on December 4, 1995 by Lt. Beck with inmate E. Johnson OC4895, at her request, in the privacy of my office.

On December 4, 1995, I received two (2) requests from Johnson to speak to me. Knowing that Captain Lazenby was conducting an ongoing investigation involving this inmate. I immediately spoke to him, as I did not wish to jeopardize or interfere with this. It was the consensus of the Captain to allow me to speak to her and obtain all the information I could regarding allegations between her and Officer Stone.

Johnson entered my office at 12:30 PM on the above date, in a friendly and comfortable manner. I had advised Lt. Scott that Johnson would be in my office and to periodically look in and observe.

The initial conversation was started by Johnson and was basically in relationship to her coming back from the CCC Center and was concerned she would get a "hit" and wondered about her parole.

After a few minutes of this topic, I shifted the conversation to that of Officer Stone. Johnson stated that she was very upset with Captain Lazenby and Mr. Mike Wolanin of SIO for coming to the Center to ask her questions and that she did not like or trust either one. She only respects and trusts Lt. Beck, all the inmates feel this way. She also stated that she was afraid to take a polygraph test. When I asked her why, she replied "Because I'll probably fail it."

This was my basis for the next line of questions and explanations. *Although Johnson stated that there was never any sexual contact between herself and Officer Stone, she did admit to physical contact, (i.e. hugging and kissing). Johnson was mostly concerned that if she gave a written statement to these facts that Stone would get fired. She also stated that she would not talk or tell this to anyone else.

I again brought up the polygraph test and confronted her with the fact that I believed at this point that she would fail. I also tried to enter into the conversation that I believed there was a possibility that phone calls and /or gifts were received by her from Officer Stone. She became startled and replied "How would you know that?"

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INMATE ERIKA JOHNSON OC4895
OFFICER MIKE STONE
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Johnson started becoming nervous and visibly upset. I asked her if she would be willing to make a written statement on the items discussed in this report. She replied, "Well, what if it only happened once?" "What would happen to Mr. Stone?" I replied that it did not make any difference if "it" happened once, or ten times, not indicating what the definition of "it" was. I explained that with all the information collected leading up to these facts and allegations, that she had nothing to lose or gain, and that she must remain truthful. Johnson stated that she needed a day or two to think about this. I stated that I would call her back down to my office on Wednesday, December 6, 1995, and would request that a written statement be given, covering the content of this report. No threats or promises were made, given, or implied by Lt. Beck regarding this request. Johnson agreed to speak to me again on Wednesday. A report on this event will be forthcoming.

Superintendent Wolfe was briefed by Captain Lazenby on this event on the morning of December 5, 1995, and it has been requested to entertain the support of the Office of Professional Responsibility with Mr. Mike Wolanin and Director Vaughn Davis.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SCI-CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS December 19, 1995

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SUBJECT: ONGOING INVESTIGATION # 95-02

TO:

WILLIAM J. WOLFE SUPERINTENDENT

FROM:

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

COORDINATOR

On December 19, 1995 this writer and Mr. Mike Wolanin interviewed inmate E. Johnson OC4895 once again about her involvement with Officer Stone. Mr. Wolanin and myself started off with reviewing Johnson's written statement of December 6, 1995, and questioned her as to why she had written what we believed as a very defensive statement. We also informed Johnson that we did not believe that she was being truthful.

Mr. Wolanin made aware the fact that Johnson had lied to him during an interview with her at the Pittsburgh CCC Center.

Johnson admitted verbally during both investigations that there was more going on between her and Stone, but refused to reveal any further details, again stating that she did not want anything to happen to Stone.

After speaking with Ms. Johnson for an extended period of time, it was decided to place Johnson in the RHU in AC custody to ensure the investigation would not be contaminated in any way. Mr. Wolanin, after conferring with Mr. Vaughn Davis, recommended that a polygraph test be arranged for Johnson, and consideration given to possibly having her transferred to Muncy.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please let me know.

RCB/sy

CC: Deputy Kormanic

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
SCI-CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS
December 22, 1995

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SUBJECT: CASE #95-02 CONTINUATION

TO:

WILLIAM J. WOLFE SUPERINTENDENT

FROM:

LT. ROGER C. BECK, Sr. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

COORDINATOR

At 1300 hours on December 21, 1995, E. Johnson OC4895 requested to speak with me. I met with Deputy Kormanic as to my plan of action, as Johnson had indicated to me that she wanted to provide more information on the Stone investigation.

Johnson was escorted from the RHU at approximately 1340 hours this date. During the meeting Johnson indicated that she wished to come clean and wanted to give a revised statement. She explained her reasoning for this action was that she had come to the realization that she had been the victim in this relationship, and felt no need to try to protect Officer Stone any longer.

In the verbal interview exchange with this writer and Johnson, I tried to verify and get truthful facts as to the physical attraction and personal relationship that Johnson and Stone engaged in, and how, over a period of time, these actions grew stronger and more meaningful.

Johnson, as her written statement indicates, stated that Officer Stone was indeed attracted to her and sought her out and showed favoritism toward her. Johnson further stated on approximately a dozen separate occasions Officer Stone would come to her room in Luter 3, and they would engage in physical contact, such as kissing, hugging, and petting. Johnson also indicated in her statement that during the course of this physical contact, Officer Stone had made some very sexual comments and had expressed the desire to have sex with her and also requested a phone number and/or address of how to contact her once she was released from Cambridge Springs.

Ms. Johnson revealed the initial contact happened while Officer Stone was assigned to the 2-10 shift and that Stone always entered her room whenever her roommates were away. The first time, he grabbed her quite suddenly and kissed her on the mouth. She stated she felt really weird about the whole thing and she guessed Stone was taken back by her reaction because he avoided her for most of the evening. He did eventually come back to ask her if she was okay and she told him she wasnt sure, that she just felt really weird.

Sometime after that Officer Stone was then changed to the 6-2 shift due to the training rotations and nothing further occurred between them until his reassignment to 2-10 shift later in the year. At that time, Ms. Johnson said she had been going through a very difficult relationship on the outside and Officer Stone was supportive in his actions towards her, patting her on the shoulder, giving her a peck on the cheek and reassuring her everything would be okay.

After that occurrence, Ms. Johnson stated she felt the mood of the relationship changed from one of friendship to one of sexual interest. She admitted that she enjoyed the attraction but was also troubled by it because she thought that he (Stone) was a friend and a friend would not have put her in that position.

When asked why she did not report it, Ms. Johnson said she knew she would be leaving soon and she was satisfied to dismiss the issue from her life at that point so that no one would get hurt.

At the conclusion of Johnsons written statement, she agreed to take a polygraph test as to the truthfulness of her statement.

Deputy Kormanic was contacted at 1415 hours and was requested to witness Johnsons statement.

Then I contacted Mr. Wolanin of O.P.R. He requested I fax Johnsons statement to him for review with Mr. Vaughn Davis. It was agreed, after the review, to set up a polygraph test for Johnson. Mr. Wolanin will get back to me as to a date and time for this test.

Johnson was returned to the RHU and Deputy Kormanic advised Johnson that she would have to remain in AC custody pending this investigation.

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CC: Deputy Kormanic
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SCI-CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS December 28, 1995

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIVE REPORT/CASE #95-02

OFFICER STONE/INMATE E. JOHNSON OC4895

TO:

WILLIAM J. WOLFE 'SUPERINTENDENT

FROM:

LT. ROGER'C. BECK, Sr.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

COORDINATOR

On December 28, 1995, Mr. Mike Dodson from the office of Professional Responsibility came to SCI-CBS at 0830 hours for the purpose of conducting a polygraph test on inmate E. Johnson OC4895. This test was requested to determine the truthfulness in Johnson's statements of alleged physical contact and relationship with Officer Mike Stone, and to also determine if any other pertinent information could be obtained relative to this investigation.

From 0830 to 1000 hours, this investigator and Mr. Dodson reviewed the complete investigative file, all reports, statements, and built a profile of inmate Johnson, and developed questions to be used for the polygraph test. The control questions used were to determine only if Johnson was being truthful in her allegations, if in fact there was physical contact, and if there was any sexual contact between the two.

At 1000 hours, inmate E. Johnson OC4895 was brought to Lt. Beck's office. Johnson was put in the office alone with Mr. Dodson, who, at this time, conducted his pre-polygraph interview, and explained to Johnson how the test was to be conducted. During this interview, information was obtained from Johnson to Mr. Dodson that Johnson did in fact have sexual contact with Officer Stone in the form of oral sex. A signed written statement from Johnson was obtained in regards to this allegation, and was to be used during the polygraph examination.

At 1200 hours this date, Johnson was attached to the polygraph and the examination started. The test was conducted at 1300 hours this date.

Mr. Dodson called Lt. Beck into the office to advise the results of the test. Mr. Dodson, in his professional opinion, stated that Johnson was non-deceptive. In other words, she was truthful in all the facts obtained through her statements, including the physical contact and sexual contact with Officer Stone.

Johnson was then returned to the RHU. Deputy Kormanic, Acting Superintendent, was advised by Mr. Dodson and Lt. Beck of the results of the polygraph, for final determination and assessment to be done by Deputy Kormanic.

Mr. Dodson agreed to send Lt. Beck a complete copy of his report, interview, and polygraph results as soon as possible.

RCB/sy

CC: Deputy Kormanic File: ...\12/29

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SCI-CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS January 22, 1996

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

SUBJECT:

INVESTIGATION CASE NUMBER 95-02

Ref: Officer Michael Stone & Inmate Erike Johnson

OC4895

TO:

WILLIAM J. WOLFE

SUPERINTENDENT

FROM:

R.R.

INTELLIGENCE CAPTAIN

As per your request, I have reviewed the information relating to allegations on Case Number 95-02 involving the alleged personal relationship, between Officer Michael Stone and Inmate Erika Johnson D.C. number OC4895.

In March of 1995, Captain Bartlett received information allegations that Officer Michael Stone may be involved in an unprofessional personal relationship with Inmate Erika Johnson. Captain Bartlett forwarded this information on to me, when I was assigned to the duties of Intelligence Captain. At this time, you authorized me to initiate an investigation of the allegation. During that time, I as unable to establish any validity to the allegation made, hence forth, the case was closed.

In the late summer of 1995, Mr. Wolanin received information from an inmate at SCI-Muny, again allegations Officer Stone and Inmate Johnson were involved in a personal relationship, with each other at SCI-Cambridge Springs. Around the same time frame, in which the allegations were received by Mr. Wolanin, inmate Johnson was paroled to the C.C.C. in Pittsburgh.

In November of 1995, Mr. Wolanin and myself interviewed Inmate Johnson at the C.C.C. in Pittsburgh. Inmate Johnson denied any involvement with anyone at SCI Cambridge Springs. Later that month. Inmate Johnson was returned to SCI-Cambridge Springs as a result of a misconduct.

Upon Inmate Johnson return <u>to S</u>€I-Cambridge, Lieutenant Beck became involved with the investigation. Lieutenant Beck Wolanin interviewed her about the alleged relationship with Officer Stone, and she denied the allegations. After several interviews, she admitted to the allegations. She was administered a polygraph test and passed exam. As a result of the polygraph test, Officer A518 Stone was suspended:

The only evidence which has been obtained is a written statement made by Inmate E. Johnson and the result of the polygraph test. At this time, there is no concrete evidence nor is there a witness to confirm the allegations. Further more, Officer M. Stone denies all allegations.

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I strongly feel that the allegations which were made are factual. However, the evidence is insufficient. The only evidence available at this time is a statement made by Inmate E. Johnson and the polygraph test results. Polygraph test are administered with a margin of error and may not be one hundred percent (100%) reliable. The credibility of the inmate's statement is based on the result of the polygraph test. Official reports which help verify some of Officer M. Stone's accounts to the allegations are on file. In addition, an Extraordinary Report dated June of 1995 informs the administration that inmates housed in the Luter 3 maybe conspiring to "set-up" Officer M. Stone is also on file.

As of this date, there is insufficient evidence to support the allegation that Officer M. Stone was involved in an unprofessional personal relationship with Inmate E. Johnson.

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
SCI-Cambridge Springs
January 22, 1996

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SUBJECT: Investigation Case Number 95-02

Ref: Officer Michael Stone & Inmate Erika Johnson. OC-4895

TO:

Thomas A. Fulcomer Deputy Commissioner

FROM:

Willfam J. Wolfe

Superintendent

For your information, please find attached a copy of Captain Lazenby's investigative summary on Officer Michael Stone. Pursuant to our discussions concerning this case, Officer Stone was reinstated and returned to work January 21, 1996. Shortly after reporting to work he tendered his resignation effective immediately without completing his shift.

By copy of this memo, I am updating Mr. Vaughn Davis who I wish to thank for the continued support and assistance from the Office of Professional Responsibility.

WJW/jfh

cc: Mr. Vaughn Davis

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Corrections
SCI-Cambridge Springs
March 7, 1995

SUBJECT: Request for Investigation

TO:

Captain Bartlett

FROM:

William J. Wolfe

Superintendent

Based upon the information you recently provided to me regarding an allegation that COT Hammers was observed by an unidentified Corrections Officer Trainee engaging in a sexual act with an unidentified inmate, I am hereby directing you to conduct a formal investigation into this matter.

Please keep me updated on your progress.

WJW/jfh

cc: Superintendent's File

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SCI-Cambridge Springs

March 10, 1995

Time 0937 to 10:00

Present

Captain Keith R. Bartlett, Correctional Officer Trainee Bruce Allen, Deputy

Superintendent Victoria Kormanic, Secretary Sue Yanc

This is a recording of interview with Officer Allen regarding allegations with Officer Hammers and an inmate.

Captain Bartlett:

I received an incident report from Lieutenant Foster in regards to a phone conversation you had with her the evening of the 9th of March, 1995 at about 2245 hours. Is that correct? Did you call in and talk to her?

Officer Allen:

Correct.

Captain Bartlett:

The incident report states while consulting with Shift Commander, Officer Allen called the office to state he was calling to find out how to terminate his employment immediately. I asked him if there was a problem he needed to discuss. He went on to say he had knowledge of Officer Hammers having physical contact with inmate Maysonet OB4751 at Open Rec. in the bathroom and other places in the institution. He stated that Hammers admitted it and told Manville that he could not believe Allen would snitch him out. Manville went back and told Allen what he knew and mentioned Martin had knowledge (Open Rec/Yard 3-3-95). Allen states when this happened it was approximately a couple of weeks ago 2-15-95, when he went to Union 3740 board, they told him not to tell on any fellow gray shirt. When he refused to violate the Code of Ethics he was intimated and physically confronted after work on 3-5-95 by Officers and he would not give any names. He stated that other Officers have knowledge of what is going on but will not tell on Hammers because of Officer Pelletier, Novakowski, and a Sergeant who's name he is afraid to give me. He hasn't been back to work and has obtained a lawyer because he said he reported this and was ignored by the Union and a Commissioned Officer. He received a call from Deputy Kormanic because of his attendance and was going to terminate his employment because he could not trust anybody to investigate it, and he has been labeled a snitch now by his fellow Officers. I told him to follow up by the Chain of Command and to fill out a full report with Captain Bartlett before deciding to terminating his employment, that he could trust him and the Deputy's judgement before he pursues legal proceedings. Is this pretty much correct?

Officer Allen:

That's correct.

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Captain Bartlett: I am going to ask you some questions to follow up on this.

First off specifically, what did you know or observe about Officer

Hammers and inmate Maysonet?

Officer Allen: I had first heard when I wasn't working, he stopped over at my house after

work one night, him and Officer Manville, ...

Captain Bartlett: Him meaning Officer Hammers?

Officer Allen: Officer Hammers, myself, my girlfriend, Officer Manville, Officer Hammers

at my apartment. Hammers was changing, they were going out, he kept saying he had something to tell me, something happened at work I wouldn't believe it. He called me out in the hallway of my apartment and

told me that he had been on O/P and he was doing a check around

Kozmor, as he was going around back that the....

Captain Bartiett: Excuse me, you said O/P, O/P is outside.

Officer Allen: Or I/P, excuse me. He was going around the back of Kozmor, and he

noticed one of the Maysonet sisters windows was stuck and they called him over to ask if he could help shut it. He said yea, he came over and they had a conversation basically, she said "Officer Hammers, you know I been thinking about you, but there's things you can't get in prison", he told me "he asked her what's that", "could you kiss me?", and he kissed her and he told me he fondled her a little bit, and that was the first incidence and after that it happened at open rec when I was working it and two other Officers, they were suspicious, but they did not want to say anything, but they noticed his absence after he was at their table cause just the two Maysonet sisters always sit together at open rec. The little game was at 7:00 they make the movement to come to open rec, he goes over to their table, the way he told me it happens is the inmates have to have that restroom pass. The one Maysonet sister would get the pass and go down to the inmate restroom and make sure no one else was around, he would go back down the back steps sit up on the back of the toilet, in the stall and

wait for them.

Captain Bartlett: And he told you that?

Officer Allen: Right.

Captain Bartlett: O.K.. Are you aware of any other incidents?

Officer Allen: Well, only after I mentioned it to another Officer who worked with him in

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Corrections
SCI-Cambridge Springs
March 13, 1995

SUBJECT: Request for Special Investigations

Office Assistance

TO:

Thomas A. Fulcomer Deputy Commissioner

FROM:

William J. Wolfe

Superintendent

BY: K.B. Bartlett

Intelligence Captain

On March 10, 1995, a preliminary investigation was started on C.O.T. Richard Hammers in regards to sexual contact with an inmate.

As a result, C.O.T. Hammers was suspended pending the final outcome. C.O.T. Allen came forward and advised us that Officer Hammers told him of several occasions of sexual contact including one occasion when Officer Allen observed both Officer Hammers and the inmate disappear for a period of time from open recreation. Both Officer Hammers and the inmate deny any wrong doing.

Officer Hammers is willing to polygraph even after discussion with the union. The inmate refused to polygraph.

At this time, we are requesting the assistance of the Special Investigations Office not only to conduct the polygraph but to assist Captain Bartlett in concluding this investigation as soon as possible as we can only suspend Officer Hammers for thirty (30) days pending this investigation.

We are also requesting an outside investigator be assigned a sexual harassment investigation involving Office Hammers as the complainant. We believe this would be a conflict of interest for Captain Bartlett.

Any questions can be directed to my office or to Captain Bartlett.

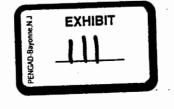
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cc: Deputy Kormanic

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

May 16, 1995

Case Number:

95-F-015

Report Prepared by:

Michael Wolanin, Special Investigator

Allegation:

Violation Code of Ethics

SUBJECT:

Richard Hammers, Corrections Officer Trainee DOB: 05/25/53

COMPLAINANT/VICTIM:

Elizabeth Maysonet, OB-4751

DOB: 03/28/69 SSN: 163-63-4886

LOCATION:

State Correctional Institution Cambridge Springs

REVIEWED BY Paul Robinson

Carl Robinson

Senior Investigator

Special Investigations Office

APPROVED BY

Director 2

Special Investigations Office

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Commissioner Horn

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was authorized by Vaughn L. Davis, Director, Special Investigations Office, (SIO), on March 16, 1995, predicated by information supplied by Thomas A. Fulcomer, Deputy Commissioner of Corrections.

Deputy Fulcomer's information revealed that Correctional Officer Trainee, (COT), Richard Hammers had sexual contact with inmate Elizabeth Maysonet.

Inmate Elizabeth Maysonet, OB-4751, was interviewed on March 20, 1995. She said, on three separate occasions, Officer Hammers french kissed her. On one of these occasions Hammers put his hand down the front of her pants, inserting his fingers into her vagina. She did not want him to do this.

Hilda Maysonet, OB-3187, said she once observed Hammers kiss, feel the breasts, butt and legs of her sister Elizabeth.

Bruce Allen, former COT, said Hammers told him of kissing, fondling and manually stimulating inmate Elizabeth Maysonet within the institution.

Patti Jo Burkhart and Heidi Fleming, both COT's, observed Hammers being extremely friendly with Elizabeth Maysonet, more than other inmates.

When contacted by this investigator on March 20, 1995, Hammers refused to be interviewed with regard to the allegations made against him at SCI Cambridge Springs.

During the course of this investigation, Hammers resigned his position as COT claiming medical reasons.

This investigation revealed the following sections of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code had been violated:

3125 (5) Aggravated Indecent Assault, (F3), and 3126 a(5) Indecent Assault, (M2).

Assistant District Attorney Doug Ferguson declined to prosecute; though he acknowledged that criminal implications were present. Ferguson felt Hammers' resignation was sufficient.

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ACTION TAKEN:

- 1. Review of Maysonet's Institutional File
- 2. Contact of Richard Hammers by Phone
- 3. Review of Letter of Resignation by COT Richard Hammers
- 4. Review NCIC Check of Richard Hammers
- 5. Reviewed the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Sections 3125 (5) and 3126 a(5)
- 6. Consultation with Crawford County Assistant District Attorney Doug Ferguson regarding Criminal Action against Richard Hammers

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was authorized by Vaughn L. Davis, Director, Special Investigations Office, (SIO), on March 16, 1995, predicated by a complaint initiated by Thomas A. Fulcomer, Deputy Commissioner of Corrections.

A copy of Deputy Fulcomer's memo is appended as ATTACHMENT # 1.

2. Deputy Fulcomer's information revealed that COT Richard Hammers had possible sexual contact with inmate Elizabeth Maysonet on several occasions.

INTERVIEWS:

1. Elizabeth Maysonet, OB-4751

DOB: 03/28/69 SSN: 163-63-4886

Elizabeth Maysonet is a 26 year old Hispanic female serving a 4 year to 8 year sentence for Aggravated Assault from Philadelphia. Her minimum expires November 5, 1995 and her maximum expires November 5, 1999. She is a custody level two inmate.

On March 20, 1995, the above inmate was interviewed by this investigator at the State Correctional Institution Cambridge Springs where she is incarcerated. She advised the following:

She was involved in a relationship, sexual in nature, with Officer Richard Hammers.

Around January 17, 1995, she was in her room in Kosmor Hall attempting to close her window and observed Hammers nearby and called him over to help. At some point, Hammers leaned into the room french kissing her, feeling her butt, thighs and breast. She did not want him to do this.

On February 7, 1995 while in dietary with her sister Officer Hammers came in, saw her and motioned for her to meet him. They met in the inmate bathroom, Hammers was crouching on the toilet and they french kissed. Hammers put his right hand down the front of her pants and inserted his fingers into her vagina.

On February 16, 1995, while in the library, Hammers came in and again motioned for her to meet him. They met in a bathroom where they again kissed.

A copy of Elizabeth Maysonet's statement is appended as ATTACHMENT # 2.

2. Hilda Maysonet, OB-3187

DOB: 03/13/67 SSN: 165-60-5123

On March 21, 1995, the above inmate was interviewed at SCI Cambridge Springs where she is incarcerated. She advised the following:

On March 21, 1995, she was in her room in Kosmor with her sister Elizabeth when she observed Officer Hammers lean in the window and kiss Elizabeth, feel her breasts, butt and legs. He was there 15 or 20 minutes before leaving.

In mid February, she and her sister were in open-rec when she observed Hammers motion to Elizabeth to meet him. Elizabeth and Hammers left and were gone for 15 minutes.

Elizabeth later told her of meeting Hammers in the inmate bathroom. They kissed and Hammers felt Elizabeth's body, put his hand down the front of her pants and into her sister's vagina.

On February 15 or 16; 1995, she and her sister were in the library when Hammers came in and gave Elizabeth a signal to leave. They were gone for 15 minutes. Elizabeth told her later of kissing Hammers in the bathroom.

A copy of Hilda Maysonet's statement is appended as ATTACHMENT # 3.

3. Heidi Fleming, Corrections Officer Trainee DOB: 02/18/72

On March 27, 1995, the above employee was interviewed by this investigator at SCI Cambridge Springs where she has been employed for 8 months. She stated the following:

On February 7, 1995, she was working open-rec with Officer Hammers. She observed Hammers paying an excessive amount of attention to Elizabeth and Hilda Maysonet. Hammers appeared to be trying to impress the inmates.

On another occasion, she and Hammers were working Curie Hall together. Hammer's asked her "if an officer were going to mess around with an inmate, where would you do it".

She felt this conversation was totally inappropriate.

A copy of Fleming's statement is appended as ATTACHMENT # 4.

4. Bruce Allen, Former Corrections Officer Trainee DOB: 06/01/65

On March 20, 1995, the above individual was interviewed by this investigator at SCI Cambridge Springs. He advised the following:

On January 20, 1995, at 11:30 pm, Hammers told him he had messed around with one of the Maysonet sisters.

Hammers told him he kissed and fondled her while at the rear of Kosmor at Elizabeth Maysonet's window.

He observed on or about February 15, 1995, in open-rec, Hammers sitting at the table with the two Maysonet sisters Hammers and Elizabeth Maysonet disappeared for 20 minutes. Hammers told him later of going into the inmate bathroom, manually stimulating Elizabeth Maysonet while receiving oral sex from her.

A copy of Bruce Allen's statement is appended as ATTACHMENT # 5.

5. Patti Jo Burkhart, Corrections Officer Trainee DOB: 12/07/53

On March 20, 1995, the above officer was interviewed at SCI Cambridge Springs where she has been employed for 6 months. She advised the following:

On February 7, 1995, while working open-rec, she observed Officer Richard Hammers talking in a friendly manner with Elizabeth Maysonet.

At one point during the evening, they both disappeared for 20 minutes.

She later spoke to Officer Bruce Allen and was informed that Hammers told him of taking Elizabeth Maysonet into the inmate bathroom kissing and fondling her.

6. Frederick Allen Manville, Corrections Officer Trainee DOB: 08/24/64

On March 20, 1995, the above officer was interviewed by this investigator at SCI Cambridge Springs where he has been employed for 7 months. He advised the following:

Allen told him in January 1995 that Hammers admitted being involved in a relationship, sexual in nature, with Elizabeth Maysonet in the institution.

It appeared to him that Hammers and Maysonet were "more than friends".

ACTION TAKEN:

- 1. Reviewed Maysonet's institutional file. The file revealed no relevant information.
- 2. Contacted Richard Hammers by phone, (412) 652-9712, on March 20, 1995, at his residence in New Castle, PA. He stated the following:

Due to advice from his attorney, he would not consent to being interviewed by this investigator concerning these allegations.

3. Reviewed Richard Hammers letter of resignation dated March 15, 1995. The review revealed the following:

On March 15, 1995, Richard Hammers voluntarily resigned his position as Correctional Officer Trainee. He stated that after seeking medical care, he was instructed by doctors to seek less stressful employment.

A copy of Hammers' resignation is appended as ATTACHMENT # 6.

4. Reviewed NCIC check of Richard Hammers. The check revealed the following:

On March 31, 1995, an NCIC check for prior criminal history was conducted for Richard Hammers. This check revealed on June 23, 1974, Hammers was arrested by new Castle Police for Burglary and Criminal Trespass. A plea of guilty and one year county probation was imposed.

On July 5, 1974, Hammers was arrested by the Pennsylvania State Police, New Castle, for Receiving Stolen Property. A plea of guilty and one year county probation was imposed.

A copy of NCIC check is appended as ATTACHMENT # 7.

5. Reviewed the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Sections 3125 (5) and 3126 a(5). The review revealed the following:

This investigation revealed the following sections of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code were violated:

♦ 3125 (5) Aggravated Indecent Assault, "A person commits a felony of the second degree when he engages in penetration, however slight, of the genitals or anus of another with a part of the body when the other person is in custody of law or detained in an institution".

- ♦ 3126 a(5) Indecent Assault, "A person who has indecent contact with another, not his spouse, is guilty when the person is in custody of law or detained in an institution".
- 6. Consultation with Crawford County Assistant District Attorney Doug Ferguson regarding criminal action against Richard Hammers. This consultation concluded the following:

Assistant District Attorney Doug Ferguson advised that even though criminal implications were present, the DA's office was reluctant to prosecute Richard Hammers due to him resigning. Ferguson felt prosecution would not be appropriate in this case.

Submitted by:

Date:

Jun 24, 495

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Initial Complaint
- 2. Elizabeth Maysonet's Statement
- 3. Hilda Maysonet's Statement
- 4. Heidi Fleming's Statement
- 5. Bruce Allen's Statement
- 6. Hammers' Resignation
- 7. Hammers' NCIC Records Check